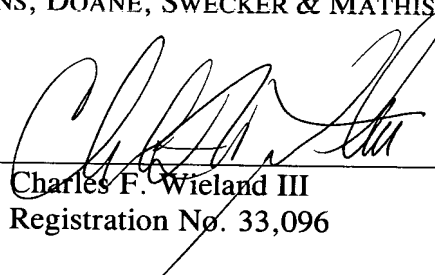


REMARKS

Applicants have canceled non-allowed Claims 12-15, 25 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer to permit allowed Claims 1-11 to issue promptly. In light of this change, Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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